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## MORE WORK OF "THE REAPER"

There will be many sad hearts in this community, when the news is brought home to the public mind that Alexander Cohn has succumbed to the great leveler of all, and is no more to be seen among men. He was a true friend to the poor and distressed, active in business, square in his dealings, brave enough to defend an unpopular people whose creed he did not endorse, and fair enough not to join with their enemies when almost every hand was against them. He was true to his own faith, but liberal enough to recognize the rights of others to differ with him. His business qualifications were of a high order, and his standing in commercial circles was of the very best. There will be universal regret in Utah over his demise, and the Deseret News unites with its contemporaries and all who mourn his loss, in sorrow over his departure and sympathy for the bereaved.

## THE WATSON TRAGEDY.

Another tragedy has been enacted in this city, and as a result one citizen is perhaps fatally wounded, and another is detained in prison, awaiting the outcome of his dastardly deed.

Too much of this kind of excitement is occurring in this community. It is high time to consider the causes and to find a remedy, if possible.

The remedy that naturally suggests itself as of first importance is one which the administrators of law and justice have in their hands. The doctrine must be impressed upon all that human life is sacred, and cannot be taken to gratify the whim of anyone with a grievance. To obtain this end, the law, as it is, must be maintained with impartial justice. If in the past it has been the case that people with their hands stained by human blood have been set free without paying the penalty, this should be the case no longer. The one that takes human life unlawfully, no matter who he or she is, should be promptly dealt with, according to the law. The influence of money or friends should not avail. Only when the law is permitted to take its course without let or hindrance, has it deterrent or educational power.

Then there should be a general understanding that no one is justified in avenging supposed or actual wrongs without the aid of the courts and legal authorities. The idea is too much prevalent that if a man has done a wrong, another man may be justified in punishing him, without trial or hearing. "He got what he deserved," is a too common way of excusing criminal interference with the work that in civilized communities belongs to legal institutions. The anarchistic tendency that breaks out, sometimes in lynchings and sometimes in the single-handed shooting of persons who are supposed to have done wrong, must be stopped. In this country, or savagery will increase and grow upon us with the irresistible force of a tidal wave.

Then let the ordinance against carrying guns be enforced. By all means let it be understood that guns do not belong to the equipment of a gentleman in a civilized community. A few wholesome lessons in this direction by the law, would not be lost upon a certain class.

## THE DIVORCE EVIL.

The New York American has for some time opened its columns to a discussion of the divorce question. That is undoubtedly one of the burning questions of our age, and it cannot be given too close attention.

Rev. J. M. Schick, who is said to be President Roosevelt's Washington Pastor, in a recent issue of the American strikes the key note to the entire problem. He argues that the family is a divine institution, as truly as the church, or the state. It is, therefore, not a relation that should be entered into for personal or individual convenience or pleasure. It should be for "God's glory and for his own purposes in the development and culture as well as the progress of our race. God fills the heart with love, and only as He is honored and recognized thereby may any one properly enter into the married estate, and when this important fact is overlooked the individuals who are married will naturally suffer painful consequences."

This view is, of course, old-fashioned—in fact it is as old as the Law of God—but it is nevertheless true, and society needs to become cognizant of its truth. It is the departure from this ancient truth that has caused so very many unhappy marriages, so many torn homes and hearts, so much jealousy and bloodshed, so much transgression and misery. Let it be recognized that the family is a divine institution, under divine guidance and authority, and much will be world-wide that it is now in the civilized world.

## THE DOUKHOBORS AGAIN.

A Winnipeg dispatch tells of some of the difficulties encountered by the Canadian authorities in dealing with the fanatical Doukhobors. It seems to have become necessary to use force, and in the encounter some of the citizens and some of the fanatics were hurt. One of the tenets of the Doukhobors is not "to resist evil." They have had difficulty with the Russian government, on account of their objection to military service. One would not expect them, therefore, to fight in Canada, or resist the officers. But they appear to have forgotten the injunction to go two miles with anyone who would compel them to go one. If they would follow that injunction literally, they could not resist arrest.

The interference of the officers seems absolutely necessary. Something had to be done for the people to save them from themselves. A few days ago the camp of the Doukhobors presented a pitiful spectacle. Snow had fallen during the night. The shivering pilgrims were blue with cold. Hundreds had lain on the ground all night. Others slept in bundles of straw. At Foxwarren they stayed half an hour singing chants and talking to the few villagers who came out in the cold. They told the resident minister that he did not love the Lord or he would march to find Him with them.

They have been reasoned with, but in vain. A minister of the Church of England entreated them to return to their farms, but they insisted that they were seeking their Lord, and had but followed His commandment by forsaking all they had. This gives a clue to the motive they had for leaving their homes and starting on their spiritual pilgrimage. It shows what a fanatical exegesis of the Scriptures may lead to. It proves the necessity of having the guidance of a higher light than human reason, in the search for truth.

In Russia the poor wanderers had great troubles because of their strict adherence to what they considered their duty. It is said that they will not acknowledge any civil power and their rules concerning marriage are peculiar to themselves. They have, it seems, addressed a petition to the governor of British Columbia asking for a small portion of the province in which they could live and do just as they pleased. In making their plea they said that they could neither obey the laws nor conform to the institutions of any country, not being the subjects of any sovereign, save God. The refusal of this peculiar request is said to have prompted them to set out on their pilgrimage.

The Doukhobors are trained workers, nearly every one of them knowing some craft or other. They are strong and active and willing to do whatever they can without violating their religious scruples. Possibly it will be necessary for the government to break up the colonies infected with fanaticism, and scatter the members among other communities. If they can be persuaded to dwell among other people and live industrious lives, their crime may be cured, and the example they set in self-denial and devotion should be a benefit to any community in which such virtues are valued.

## OUR COLORED PROBLEM.

Prof. J. W. Jinks has investigated the conditions in the Philippines, from an economic point of view, and he reports that there is great scarcity of laborers. His recommendation is that Chinese be imported to remedy this condition.

A leading colored citizen of New York, Thomas Fortune, suggests that a better way would be to induce Afro-Americans to settle in the islands. He thinks that the colored citizen here is dissatisfied with "civil, social and industrial conditions" in the south and "is seeking an outlet in northern and western states, where he is not adapted to the climate and there is no demand for him, so that the unfortunate become charges upon public charity and help to swell the ranks of the idle, vicious and criminal class." Mr. Fortune states that he has received letters from many "Afro-American" soldiers serving in the Philippines who speak in glowing terms of the country. It is his opinion that "with an adequate supply of Afro-American labor assimilating harmoniously with the native people, . . . no European power would be able to compete with us in a few years for the coveted markets of the Orient."

The suggestion is worth while the attention of those who are endeavoring to find a good solution of the race problem in this country. But it is not probable that any large body of Afro-Americans would remove from the native soil, and if they did, the race problem would no doubt be transferred to the islands. But the suggestion is worth while a notice. The race question, with its terrible outbreaks of crimes and barbarism must be solved some day, before the country becomes one vast valley of Hinnom, where refuse and bodies of criminals were ever burning and smoking.

The dominating issue in the Philippines now is the Dominies.

It is almost impossible to stand by the President, he is so continually on the go.

There is certain to be a Howell in Congress as the result of the election in Utah.

Having reduced the Philippines to submission the army itself is now being reduced.

The chief source of prosperity in every land is brain and brawn, and dear mother earth.

From now until after Thursday, November 21, any old joke about turkeys will be in order.

If half what is said about the election in Colorado is true, they had a great scamp-alien there.

Another Carlist plot has been discovered in Barcelona. If Lora were alive into what dramas he would work them!

After suppressing ladronism in the

Philippines it would not be a bad idea to put down brigandage in the United States.

The Bond-Hay treaty, if ratified by the Senate, should prove a bond of fellowship between the United States and Newfoundland.

The sultan of Bacedol has learned that discretion is the better part of valor. He now declares that he does not want to fight the Americans.

It is claimed that the treasury department during the past month actually saved \$150 in its coal bills by burning canceled revenue stamps.

Matos and Castro are conducting the revolution and anti-revolution on the theory that he who fights and runs away may live to fight another day.

The English, who are used to royalty, are as anxious to get a glimpse of Emperor William as we Americans were to get a glimpse of the Emperor's brother.

Columbia university has introduced into her engineering course a "department of automobiles." It would seem that this should be attached to the hospital course.

Whenever the weather bureau predicts rain, the rain, for some reason or other, always seems to take pleasure in spoiling the prediction, but it made an exception to the rule today.

Governor Dole of Hawaii has a remarkable capacity for getting himself into hot water. Getting out of it affords him ample opportunity to lead a strenuous life. It gives his subordinates something to do, also.

The prince of Siam is reported to have said in a recent address: "I can assure the American people that if they will be good neighbors to Siam we will be good neighbors to them." That is good.

The inventor of the Gatling gun is now at work on a new motor plow which when perfected will plow, harrow, roll and seed the ground at one sweep. Now let the Gatling guns be turned into such plows.

The days of a public official's greatness, the days when he is as happy as a song bird in June and his fellow men regard him as a slightly superior being, are those while he is an official-elect before he is inducted into office.

The last census cost just a little less than twelve million dollars. It is an enormous price to pay for satisfying government's desire to know about people's private affairs. But there is some consolation in knowing that the census volumes are practically sealed books.

The "grandfather clause" in the newly adopted constitutions of Virginia, Alabama and other southern states is to be tested in the Supreme Court of the United States. Per se it is most outrageous, and a white man who can neither read nor write, but who is permitted to vote because his grandfather did, is no more fit to exercise the elective franchise than a negro who cannot read or write.

The Japanese ambassador to Germany says that President Roosevelt and Emperor William are much alike. Both men, he says, are energetic, earnest and versatile and are sincerely working for the uplifting of their respective countries. Just now, he adds, Germany is getting most of the foreign trade with Japan. Nearly all the railway locomotives used in the island empire are made in the Kaiser's dominions.

Report has it that Mr. Kruger will take the oath of allegiance to Great Britain and spend his remaining days in the Transvaal. That is sensible. Mr. Kruger would make a good subject. His integrity is guarantee enough for that. A number of prominent men in this country, after the Civil War, left the South. But they soon got tired of the exile and returned. They were of service to the South in the work of rehabilitation and more than one of them afterwards held high political office under the national government. There is no reason why Mr. Kruger's experience should not be similar.

To those southern gentlemen who say that negro education is a failure (and one of them has just been elected governor of his state) it can be answered that the best school in the Philippine Islands is taught by a negro graduate of Yale, according to Superintendent Atkinson's judgment, as quoted by Captain Lowe of New York city, who is stationed at Subig. Frederick Douglass Benner had a high standing in his class, and his school in Subig not only reflects his ability, but the acceptance given the man because of his honor. Captain Lowe says that "a colored teacher with an American college education is bound to meet with great success in the islands." True education can never be a failure.

There is a coal strike in Wales. One of the papers says that Lord Penrhyn has locked out the miners on his estate. He was asked to give them a hearing, but refused. The paper goes on to say: "Lord Penrhyn has hardened his heart, as we feared he would, and he will not let the men of Bethesda go to their native hills, which he calls 'his,' to work for their bread. Further correspondence has ensued, which reveals that he would only negotiate on the condition that the men accepted the terms of 1897, which refused effective combination. By those terms the men could only obtain sectional representation and their purpose evidently was to divide the men up into sections and so, dealing with them in small parties, easily vanquish them. He refused them the same kind of combination as the workmen of Great Britain everywhere else enjoy—effective, complete trades unionism."

## THE COAL INQUIRY.

Portland Oregonian.

The two sides in the contention which the coal commission is patiently investigating both make a strong showing. A more difficult and thankless task than that to which the President set these men can hardly be imagined. To suppose that their findings will be acceptable, in the sense that they will satisfy both parties, is to expect the impossible. Men blinded by self interest

will not and in the very nature of things cannot see through the eyes of those disinterested.

London Times.

In the most quiet and unobtrusive manner President Roosevelt has done a very big thing and an entirely new thing. We are witnessing not merely the ending of a coal strike, but the definite entry of a powerful government upon a novel sphere of operation. Mr. Roosevelt has not taken up this task as an amateur mediator. He has not entered upon it without counting the cost, or without the support of convictions and ideas far outrunning the ostensible subject-matter of his action. His personal reputation and prestige are enormously enhanced by the immediate public service he has rendered. They will be immeasurably charged when the American people grasp, as they rapidly will, the far larger issues involved in his striking departure from precedent.

Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Another commission whose findings will interest coal consumers as well as coal barons has begun in Washington. It is not a new commission, but simply the permanent body of officials that has for years been trying to enforce the interstate commerce law against adverse circumstances and the machinations of the rate manipulators. The subject of special interest at this time is a formal charge by citizens of Boston, New York, Washington and other large eastern centers, that the coal roads are charging from two and one-half to three times as much for hauling anthracite as is charged for the hauling of bituminous coal. It is also charged that there is in existence an agreement for the regulation of tonnage which amounts practically to an arrangement for the division of profits.

New York Evening Post.

The connection between President Roosevelt's intervention in the coal strike and the effort of the French government to bring about arbitration between the owners and the striking miners of Pas de Calais, is obvious and direct. Indeed, Mr. Roosevelt's example was openly adulated by Socialist orators in the chamber. Why could not their government come forward in the benevolent and effective manner of the American President? It is one proof more how small the world has become. Countries are now only as so many adjoining parishes, and what occurs in one is at once gossiped about and applied in the others.

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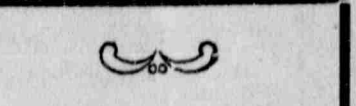
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